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Sleep well, poet.

—*Art Spikol*

The Therapeutic State
by Judson Jerome

Doctor, I hear voices.
Tell me what
they seem to say.
Doctor, this is real.
Tell me how it seems.
I dream of tunnels,
walls of petal. Doctor, I am wading
in feathers.
What kinds of feathers?
Black, and the air
is music.
What kind of music?
Whale.
You think
that you hear whales?
Not hear so much as feel
blunt throbbing of penetration, hemispheres
of brain knitting along their edges, glow
of lava, squeal of glacial scrape, the sear
of stars, the salt of flesh. Just listen, Doctor,
how rootlets munch the minerals in your veins.

And do you often have these dreams?
Doctor,
I never wake, I only dream of waking.
And you are a disappearing smile in the air.
I can no longer hear, no longer read
the lines on your diploma. You are me
absorbed like sunlight in my balmy cure.

Carpé Diem
by Judson Jerome

Our daughter has been using my razor. I found
it soapy on the bathroom sink.
Please finish your coffee and come back to bed.
It's later than we think. ■